

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

CRAIG SPURLOCK,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY  
COMPANY,

Defendant.

No. 2:23-cv-00467-JHC

**ORDER REGARDING  
DEFENDANT STATE FARM FIRE  
AND CASUALTY COMPANY'S  
MOTIONS IN LIMINE**

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:  
DECEMBER 20, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.

This matter came on regularly before the Court for hearing upon the Motions *in Limine* of Defendant State Farm Fire and Casualty Company's (State Farm). Dkt. The Court having considered the arguments of counsel and reviewed the records and files herein, including. State Farm's Stipulated Motions are GRANTED. The Court hereby finds and rules as follows:

**Disputed Motions in Limine**

**C. Order and presentation of witnesses.**

GRANTED. This applies to both parties.

**D. Counsel should be precluded from making improper arguments in opening statements.**

GRANTED. This applies to both parties.

1           **E. Exclude references to the nature of either counsel's practice or**  
2           **references to size of their firms.**

3           GRANTED.

4           **F. Exclude argument or evidence related to the opinions of State Farm's**  
5           **experts before State Farm presents its case.**

6           DENIED.

7           **G. Exclude non-party witnesses from the courtroom during the course of**  
8           **trial and prohibit the sharing of lay witness testimony with other lay**  
9           **witnesses.**

10          GRANTED. This applies to both parties.

11          **H. Exclude "Reptile Theory," "Golden Rule," or similar arguments by**  
12          **Plaintiff.**

13          GRANTED as to "Golden Rule." Otherwise, RESERVED.

14          **I. Exclude testimony or arguments implying that the jury should consider**  
15          **the relative resources of the parties.**

16          GRANTED.

17          **J. Exclude evidence or argument relating to other suits or claims against State**  
18          **Farm.**

19          RESERVED.

20          **K. Exclude reference to testimony, documents, or material subject to the**  
21          **Court's Protective Order.**

22          GRANTED.


23          **L. Exclude evidence or argument regarding litigation-induced stress.**

24          GRANTED.

25          **M. Exclude any evidence or argument relating to State Farm's conduct after**  
26          **suit was filed.**

RESERVED.

DATED this 20th day of December, 2024.

  
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JOHN H. CHUN  
United States District Judge